



## ***Agenda*** ***Sister Cities Commission***

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May 25, 2017  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
6:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2017**

**V. Approval of Agenda: May 25, 2017**

**VI. Announcements / Correspondence**

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

**VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

**VIII. New Business**

**1. FY17-18 Work Plan & Council Presentation**

**Background:** The SCC is required to submit a work plan each year, which it does on a fiscal year basis to coincide with the academic year.

**Recommendation:** Review current year's work plan and draft work plan for FY17-18. Suggest edits and new activities. Direct staff to finalize FY17-18 Work Plan with Chair Grilli, as needed, in preparation for Council presentation, date to be determined.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **1. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Hyderabad, India**

**Background:** Commissioner Awasthi leads research and discussion regarding this city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

**Recommendation:** Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi.

### **2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City**

**Background:** Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this research.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss new information as it becomes available.

### **3. Update: Contact with Milpitas High School (MHS) Leadership Team and Host Family Promotions**

**Background:** Chair Grilli contacted district officials to inquire about the designated assistant principal at MHS.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff update and discuss possible contacts for October 2017 home stay coordination.

### **4. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program**

**Background:** The International Festival & BBQ occurred the weekend of May 20 – 21. Commissioners Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Shapiro, and Strohfus participated along with volunteers from the MHS Digital Business Academy and Milpitas Volunteer Partners.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Commissioners Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Shapiro, and Strohfus. Explore participation in future events and other ideas.

### **5. ePal Project with Sister Cities**

**Background:** There are 13 students each from Tsukuba and Milpitas communicating. The remaining 55 students were split between Huizhou and Dagupan. Communications between students began the week of November 7, 2016.

**Recommendation:** Review updates as available.

### **6. Tsukuba City, Japan**

**Background:** Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**7. Dagupan City, Philippines**

**Background:** Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Tsai is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**8. Huizhou Municipality, China**

**Background:** Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Vice Chair Chang is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**VI. Student Liaison Report**

**VII. City Council Liaison Report**

**VIII. School District Liaison Report**

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

**Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges**

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Possible New Business: as noted by SCC members and approved by the Chair.

**X. Adjournment**

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